(b) if so, details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several members of the Jury also tendered their resignation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government would institute an inquiry into the matter; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) While-reports have appeared in the press in this regard, no communication has been received from any award winner to this effect.

(c) and (d) Out of the 17 members Jury constituted by the Government for deciding the 48th National Film Awards (Feature Film Category), three members dis-associated themselves at the final stage of deliberations as they did not agree with the views of the majority of the members. Two out of these three members subsequently sent their resignations from the Jury. No communication has been received from the third Jury member.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. The Awards have been decided by Jury in accordance with the Regulations for the 48th National Film Awards. The Jury functions independently and determines its own work procedure. The Government does not interfere in the functioning or deliberations of the Jury.

Newspapers and Periodicals registered with DAVP for advertisements

4020. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of newspapers and periodicals registered with DAVP for the purpose of advertisement for the period from 1st April, 2000 to 31" December, 2000, language-wise; and

(b) the details of new newspapers and renewals separately, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The Empanelment/ Rate Renewal Contract for newspapers with the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) for release of Government advertisements is valid from 1st July of the year to 30th June of the next year. The language-wise number of newspapers to whom Rate Renewal Contract (including new empanelment) was issued by DAVP during the period from 1* July, 1999 to 30th June, 2000 and 1* July, 2000 to 30th June, 2001 (as on 31" December, 2000) is given in the Statement *(see* below). The number of newspapers empanelled for the period from I" July, 2000 to 30th June, 2001, include 11 new newspapers/periodicals, of which ten are Hindi and one Bengali. No new newspapers were empanelled during the period 1.4.2000 to 30.6.2000.

Statement

Language-wise Number of Newspapers Empanelled with DAVP for Release of Advertisements during the Period from 1st July, 1999 to 30th June, 2000 and 1st July, 2000 to 30th June, 2001 (As on 31st December, 2000)

SI. No.	Language	No. of newspapers empanelled for the period from 1.7.1999 to 30th June, 2000	No. of newspapers empanelled for the period from 1.7.2000 to 30th June 2901 (As on.,jl. 12.2000)
1	2	3	4
1.	English	197	136
2.	Hindi	3807	1447
3.	Urdu	431	136
4.	Punjabi	140	66
5.	Marathi	85	68

1	2	3	4
6.	Gujarati	98	86
7.	Sindhi	19	15
8.	Assamese	15	11
9.	Bengali	162	92
10.	Oriya	42	32
11.	Tamil	54	42
12.	Telugu	53	43
13.	Malayalam	47	36
14.	Kannada	25	21
15.	Sanskrit	6	2
16.	Nepali	4	2
17.	Mizo	1	1
18.	Khasi	2	2
19.	Konkani	1	1
20.	Manipuri	0	0
	TOTAL:	5189	2239'

*The figure includes 11 new newspapen/pcriodicals, out of which 10 were Hindi tod one Bengali newspapers/periodicaJt.